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Harvest For Most Crops Lagging Behind Normal

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state were below average, ranging from 25 to 44 at night and from 73 to 84 during the day. The majority of the state received rainfall some rainfall, ranging from 0.01 inches around Coeur D'Alene and near Burley to 0.38 inches in Caldwell. For the week ending September 18, major agricultural activities involved harvesting crops, irrigating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides, and planting winter wheat.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle graze fall pastures and ranges. Livestock were reported to be in good to excellent condition.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, the potato crop is in fair to excellent condition with harvest progressing slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Small grain harvest in the eastern areas of the state is finally nearing completion. The plum and prune harvest in the Treasure Valley is nearly complete. The apple harvest continued, and is approximately half way through. Cassia County Extension Educators reported that producers in the county are following bean and potato harvest with winter wheat planting, with the remaining wheat acreage to be completed after the sugarbeet harvest. Corn harvest for silage is just beginning in Franklin County due to the late planting this spring. Power County Extension Educators reported that potato harvest is underway, with many irrigated growers following harvest with winter wheat.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	27	36	31
Oats Harvested for Grain	84	89	86
Onions Harvested	24	57	51
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	73	87	82
Alfalfa Hay – 3 rd Cutting	87	79	80
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	38	48	47
Dry Beans Harvested	32	77	64

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture increased slightly from last week to 16% very short, 51% short, and 33% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	3	25	57	15
Irr. Water Supply	1	8	44	43	4
Range & Pasture	1	15	41	33	10

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	10	2	6	36	17	13	24	27	32	33	32	30	22	17	18
Emerged	--	--	--	8	--	2	--	--	4	2	6	5	1	2	2
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	100	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	95	98	96	97	99
Barley															
Harvested	100	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	85	89	96	91	93	98
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	70	75	55	15	11	24	6	12	8	13	16	16
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	2

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 18, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total ^{5/}	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	73	43	56	-3	3461	1792	1755	0.01	-0.21	0.01	4.26	12.86
Grangeville	76	34	--	--	3134	1548	1441	0.00	-0.39	0.00	13.86	15.44
Lewiston	82	44	61	-3	4700	2806	2566	0.00	-0.19	0.04	7.94	7.07
Sand Point	75	41	55	-1	3148	1544	1419	0.76	0.38	0.76	15.69	14.33
Southwest												
Boise	82	44	61	-3	4626	2810	2464	0.27	0.10	0.31	7.96	5.82
Caldwell	82	39	60	-3	4482	2645	2722	0.38	0.24	0.38	5.77	5.14
Emmett	77	40	--	--	4245	2483	2401	0.19	0.02	0.19	5.33	5.92
Mountain Home	84	39	61	-2	4677	2876	2464	0.02	-0.13	0.22	6.72	4.46
Parma	86	41	--	--	4265	2475	2322	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.53	5.28
Weiser	81	44	--	--	4564	2747	2423	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.95	5.19
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3557	1926	2041	--	--	--	--	4.91
Burley	78	34	54	-6	3462	1832	2024	0.01	-0.14	0.07	10.29	5.33
Hill City	74	25	51	-4	2723	1322	1234	0.00	-0.17	0.04	8.70	5.53
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	4680	2850	2549	--	--	--	--	4.57
Malta	79	34	55	-4	3666	2036	1771	0.00	-0.16	0.02	7.56	6.06
Twin Falls	80	33	56	-3	3730	2084	1789	0.02	-0.13	0.04	9.70	5.46
East												
Aberdeen	70	29	--	--	3025	1562	1572	0.00	-0.18	0.04	5.15	5.23
Grace	76	29	51	-5	2808	1418	1405	0.28	-0.03	0.70	7.93	9.46
Idaho Falls	77	30	51	-6	3002	1506	1635	0.18	0.00	0.25	8.12	6.43
Malad City	81	32	52	-7	3390	1838	1776	0.22	-0.02	0.22	7.02	8.34
Pocatello	81	30	54	-5	3440	1860	1872	0.26	0.06	0.37	10.84	6.85
Rexburg	77	31	52	-5	3029	1562	1524	0.12	-0.07	0.25	8.73	7.88
Salmon	77	34	--	--	3150	1610	--	0.16	--	0.24	3.64	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.